

Tigak language

Tigak (or **Omo**) is an Austronesian language spoken by about 6,000 people (in 1991)^[3] in the Kavieng District of New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea.

The Tigak language area includes the provincial capital, Kavieng.

Phonology

Phoneme inventory of the Tigak language:

Consonant sounds				
		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Velar</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	voiceless	p	t	k
	voiced	b		g
<u>Rhotic</u>			r	
<u>Fricative</u>	voiceless	β	s	
	lateral		ɬ	
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n	ŋ

/ɾ/ can also be realized as [ɾ] allophonically. Both /k, g/ are back-released as [k̠, g̠].

Vowel sounds			
	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i		u
<u>Mid</u>	e		ɔ
<u>Low</u>		a	

Phoneme	Allophones
/i/	[i], [ɪ], [y]
/e/	[e], [ɛ]
/a/	[ʌ], [a]

Two vowels /i u/ in word-initial form can also be released as consonantal allophones [w j].^[4]

External links

- Paradisec includes a number of collections with Tigak language materials (http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/search?language_code=tgc).

Tigak	
Region	New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	(6,000 cited 1991) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Western<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meso-Melanesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">(New Ireland)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tungag–Nalik<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tigak
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tgc
Glottolog	tiga1245 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/tiga1245) ^[2]

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